

THE DEMOCRAT

SATURDAY April 26

A Little Girl Kicked and Beaten to Death by a Fiend.

George Shroud, who lives about three miles west of Kingwood, just off the Morgantown pike, was arrested and lodged in jail on Monday night. The charge against him is for maltreatment, which resulted in the death of Florence Hoff, a little girl eight years old, daughter of the wife of John Bucklew, who lives on the Fairfax road from Kingwood to Portland, about two miles from the Fairfax ford. The child was a half sister to Shroud's wife, and had been living with him about two months before its death.

About four weeks ago, Shroud's wife took the child to its mother. The little girl was then scarcely able to walk. One week after it died and was buried. The talk about Shroud's most devilish and brutal treatment of the little girl increased, and the whole neighborhood became aroused. On last Thursday Dr. R. B. L. Trippett, of this town, who has considerable practice over in that section, and who was requested to do so, went before Justice E. D. Benson, of Portland, and informed him of the facts as he had heard them. On Monday the remains were exhumed, a coroner's jury summoned, and an inquest held in the graveyard on the Martin Ridenour farm. A post mortem examination was made by Dr. R. B. L. Trippett, of Kingwood, and Dr. J. B. Fogle, of Portland. Philip Bucklew and wife, Mrs. J. M. Bucklew (the little girl's mother), Mrs. Amos Menear, Miss Garner, Miss Wible, Lewis Wright and wife, and others, were examined as witnesses.

The testimony was conclusive against Shroud. It appeared that he had most shamefully and most brutally treated the child. He kicked her in the side, beat her on the back with a large club, once he threw her against the door-post, and hurt her side, threw her out of doors into the snow, and then when she got sick on account of such fiendish treatment, he forced her to walk home, a distance of nine miles. The child never straightened up after its last beating, but crawled itself in a stooped position.

It was put to bed on arriving at its mother's, and complained of pain in the side and stomach, and vomited very frequently. She said before she died, "George whipped me until I can't get well." The post mortem examination revealed a black-and-blue-bruised body that was shocking to behold. On the right side there was a bruise covering from the third to the fifth rib, about 4 inches in circumference, which extended through the liver and the stomach, both of which were very much extravasated; the upper lobes of both lungs were extremely extravasated; on the right side of the spine there were great bruises, and on the other side two smaller ones. "Under the circumstances," says Drs. Trippett and Fogle, "we believed the injuries found upon said Matilda Florence Hoff did cause her death."

The coroner's jury was as follows: Wm. Glover, Amos Carroll, Samuel Messenger, John Hinebaugh, R. R. Fogle, Marcellus Messenger, Elijah Stewart, James M. Herndon, A. J. Moncar, Lewis P. White, A. G. Madison, John W. Hill; their verdict: "We verily believe that the aforesaid Matilda Florence Hoff came to her death by injuries or maltreatment received at the hand of George Shroud, by beating, kicking, and in other ways."

Shroud waived a preliminary hearing before Justice Murdock, of this town, being represented there by James A. Brown, Esq., and he now lies in jail.—Preston County Journal.

The Wayne county Advocate says since that paper has been published, now five years, there have been no less than 23 murders committed within the territory watered by the Big Sandy river and its tributaries, and not a single case of hanging has taken place for any of the crimes; and, in fact, comparatively few judicial examinations, or punishments have been heard of.

When the train which left Washington with James Carroll, the negro accused of outraging Mrs. Thomas, at Licksville, Maryland, reached Washington Junction today, fifteen or twenty masked men boarded it, and after a desperate struggle succeeded in overpowering the policemen. The prisoner was dragged from the train, and he was pulled across a field to the nearest tree and hanged.

By the use of the microphone you can hear the rope walk the butter fly, the gun drop, or the fall of the year.

The Marriage of the Midgets.

It has been finally arranged, after many discussions between their families, that the Midgets are to be married. Lucie Zarate, the prospective bride, is fifteen years old, and weighs a trifle less than five pounds. Her face is bright but not prepossessing. The bracelets she wears cannot be buckled around the third finger of an ordinary man. Her shoes (made to order) are 24 inches in length, and her gloves measure from the tip of her longest finger to the button on the wrist, about one inch. Her cap was made originally for a doll in a Broadway show-window, and is a good fit. In the matter of jewelry, she is profuse. On each hand she wears a diamond ring, her brooch is a diamond, and she has a fondness for dangling ornaments on her ears, such as instance, as a small diamond supplemented by a gold quarter of a dollar.

General Mite, whose real name is Francis J. Flynn, weighs 9 pounds and is fourteen years old. His face is bright and intelligent, and his conversation does not belie it.

"Are you going to marry Lucie?" the reporter asked him.

"When?"

"Next Saturday a week."

"No," interrupted the female dwarf, "next Sunday. I want it on Sunday."

It seems that the marriage is one of convenience as well as supposed affection. The dwarfs, belonging to different families, are liable to be separated at any moment. It is thought best, therefore, to bind them by ties that cannot be broken by show managers or disagreeing parents. General Mite is twice the weight of his prospective bride.

The preparations for the wedding are going steadily forward. The bride is to wear a white satin dress studded with seed pearls. Small as her form is, it is estimated that the bridal dress contains no less than 1,000 pearls. The bridegroom is to wear his full-dress suit, excepting that his vest of black cloth will be replaced by a white vest.

Miss Zarate belongs to the Episcopal Church, while General Mite's family are Roman Catholics, and it was on the question of religion that the families differed. This difference was finally settled.

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

A teaspoonful of turpentine boiled with your white clothes will aid the whitening process.

A little salt sprinkled in starch while it is boiling tends to prevent it from sticking; it is likewise good to stir it with a clean spermact candle.

Black Ink.—Rain water one pint, logwood one teaspoonful, boric acid of potash one-half teaspoonful; simmer the whole together one-half hour; strain, add half a dozen cloves and bottle for use.

The most suitable times for fellng timber, as regards its good qualities, is in mid-winter and in mid-summer.

Mitchell's horse liniment—Gum camphor 2 ounces; oil of origanum, oil sassafras, oil of wormwood, each 1 ounce; spirit of turpentine, 2 ounces; alcohol, 1 pint. Mix. The best known for strains, bruises, lameness of any kind, where a good liniment is wanted.

For Founder:—Give one ounce of powdered alum on the tongue every day as long as there is any lameness. This will never fail to cure in a few days. Keep the horse at work after the first day.

After handling onions or fish, it is well to wash the hands in salt and water, which effectually removes the unpleasant smell of both.

Many a fine horse is ruined by driving him too fast immediately after a hearty meal. If the journey must be resumed without delay, the horse should be driven very slowly for a half hour or more, when the speed may be safely increased.

Milk paint for fences or barns is made by mixing water, lime with skim milk to a proper consistency to apply with a brush. It will adhere well to wood, whether smooth or rough, to brick, mortar or stone, where oil has been previously used.

Rod Ants.—Any one troubled with small red ants by using cloves either whole, ground or oil cloves, and laying it around, will find they will entirely disappear.

An Indiana lady of eighteen years is growing a third set of teeth, which are so far advanced she is able to use them.

SELLERS' LIVER PILLS

Designed for 50 rays the Standard Remedy for the Cure of Liver Complaints, Cholera, &c. Manufactured by S. L. Hayes, Manufacturer of Liver Pills. These have thousands of dealers throughout the country. Sold by all Druggists and Country Stores. S. L. HAYES & CO., Prop., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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SINGER SEWING MACHINES.

TO ORDER.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF CALHOUN, etc.

At sales held in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Calhoun county, on the first Monday in April, 1879.

James T. Waters, and Carolina J. Waters, wife of the said James T. Waters, and T. S. Cushman, trustee, plaintiffs.

vs. James B. Wier and William W. Wakeman, defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this is to recover against the defendant, James B. Wier, the sum of \$3000, with interest thereon at the rate per cent per annum, from the 26th day of November, 1860, subject to credits for the following payments—the interest on said \$3000, paid up to 10th of September, 1868; \$1000 paid September 10, 1869; \$1000 paid on the 15th of May, 1870; and \$1000 paid on the 15th of June, 1870, and to collect

from the defendant, James B. Wier, for the payment of said money and the costs of this suit.

And it appearing from the return of the Sheriff, as well as from an affidavit filed with the papers of this cause, that the defendants are non-residents of this State, it is ordered that they do appear here, at the next sales to be held in the clerk's office of said Court, on the first Monday in May, next, and do what is necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

We now offer the following:

TAN-YARD

Complete Tan House,

Vat, steam power for grinding bark, &c.

Situate in the town of Weston. Very cheap. The oldest stand of the kind in the country.

207 ACRES of land—0 miles from Weston—there.

A copy to: G. W. SILCOTT, Clerk.

J. M. Bennett, p.o. April 19-4w

NOTICE!

Claims Against the Officers of the Poor.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Officers of the Poor of Lewis county, that a meeting of said Board will be held at the Court House.

Saturday, May 17, 1879,

for the allowance of such claims. Parties interested are requested to file their claims with the undersigned, on or before said day—otherwise the same will not be acted upon during the present year.

J. W. WOOFINDIN, Clerk.

April 19, 1879.

512 ACRES.

FOR SALE 512 acres of land in Braxton county, lying on the waters of Oil creek, two miles from Kanawha River. The tract will be sold in lots, or as an entirety, as may be preferred. House and other improvements will be sold very cheap, elegant timber and plenty of coal. Address, LIGHTBURN, CHALFANT & CO., Weston, W. Va.

Iron City College.

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LUMBER FOR SALE.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

LENVILLE—A house and lot in the town of Glenville; in good condition and in a good location. Apply to J. S. Carlile, Glenville.

JANE LEW LANDS—75 acres of land—30 acres cleared and remainder in excellent timber; 5 miles below Weston, on the line of the W. & W. F. Railroad. Will be sold very low. The timber alone is worth the price asked for the land.

We shall offer no lands except when we know the title thereto is beyond dispute.

ED. New list next week.

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SURVEYOR,

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(County Surveyor Lewis County.)

Parties desiring my services can address Weston. Will go to any of the adjoining counties. Terms moderate.

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